User Guide for the EE Summarizer Tool

INTRODUCTION

The "Summarizer" is a tool BPA designed to give you visibility into the sum of savings and reimbursements expected within an IS 2.0 invoice as well as provide insight into the errors within your reporting spreadsheets so that you can correct them prior to submission.

The Summarizer tool will pull key data from the reporting spreadsheets you plan on submitting in an invoice package and perform basic calculations in order to provide you summary information in number of tabs so that you will have an overall picture of your invoice before you submit it. The Summarizer is macro-based and will perform all of its functionality automatically.

The Summarizer can use data from the following tools that BPA has made available to utilities:

Document Type	Accepted Versions	Number Accepted	File Types
Deemed Measure Upload Template	0, 1.0, 1.1	Multiple per Invoice	XLS and XLSX
Lighting Calculator	2.0, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3,	Multiple per Invoice	XLS and XLSX
	2.4		
Compressed Air Calculator	2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8	Multiple per Invoice	XLS and XLSX
Option 1 Custom Project Calculator	1.1	Multiple per Invoice	XLS and XLSX
Option 2 Custom Project Calculator	1.2	Multiple per Invoice	XLS and XLSX
Performance Payment	1.0	One per Invoice	XLS and XLSX
Progress Payment	1.0	Multiple per Invoice	XLS and XLSX
Energy Management – High Performance Energy	4.0	Multiple per Invoice	XLS and XLSX
Management			
Energy Management – Energy Project Manager	4.0	Multiple per Invoice	XLS and XLSX
Energy Management – Track and Tune	5.0	Multiple per Invoice	XLS and XLSX

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Ensure that you do the following before opening the summarizer tool:

- 1. All project-related files have been named using the accepted naming convention. For example, a lighting calculator might have a name like the following: LC_EEI_06082012_10028_Project5.xls
- 2. All project-related files are in a single folder on your hard drive
- 3. The Summarizer file is in the same folder

Before running the Summarizer, ensure that the following Excel settings have been enabled:

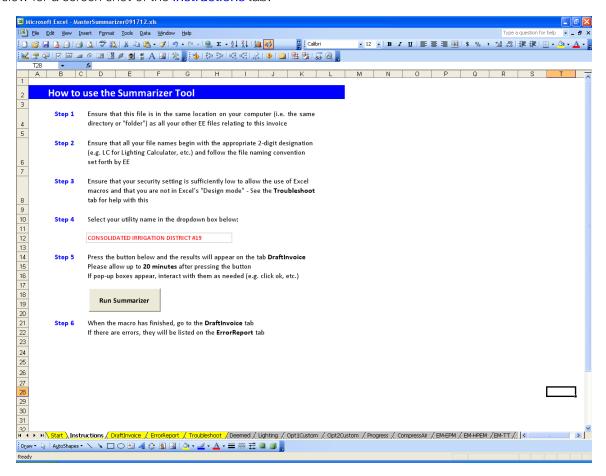
- 1. Macros are fully enabled in Excel (at lowest security setting)
- 2. Excel is NOT currently in Design Mode.
- 3. (see the Troubleshoot tab in the Summarizer for specific help with these steps):

Once the above is complete, go to the **Instructions** tab and, after reading through the steps, select your utility from the dropdown box and click once on the "Run Summarizer" button.



If only a few project files are being summarized, it may take only 30 seconds for the macro to complete. If there are a large number of project files, it may take up to 20 minutes for the Summarizer to complete data extraction, calculation and populating the various tabs. Even if Excel displays a "not responding" status on the title bar, the macros are most likely still running and performing as programmed.

See below for a screen shot of the Instructions tab.



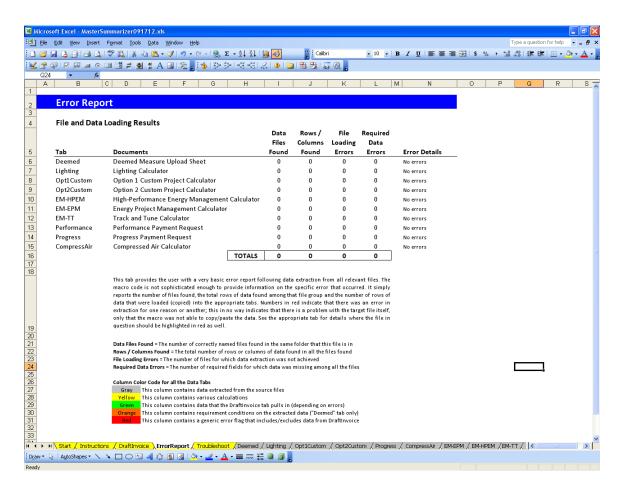
UNDERSTANDING ERRORS

Once a "run" is complete, the program may report that errors have been found. Please be advised that the summarizer only checks a sub-set of the full errors checked on the IS2 system and therefore should be seen as preliminary and partial.

Go to the ErrorReport tab to see a summary table of these errors. This tab provides the user with a very basic error report following data extraction from all relevant files. The macro code is not sophisticated enough to provide information on the specific error that occurred; it will only report the number of files found, the total rows of data found among that file group, the number of rows of data that were loaded (copied) into the appropriate tabs. Numbers in red indicate that there was an error in extraction; this does not necessarily indicate that there is a problem with the target file itself, only that the macro was not able to copy/paste the data.

See the appropriate tab for details (e.g. Deemed, Lighting, etc.) where the file in question should be highlighted in red. Individual cells containing data that have been flagged as erroneous are also shaded red (e.g. an unsupported

file version was used, data that is required to process the invoice is missing, etc.). See below for a screen shot of the **ErrorReport** tab.

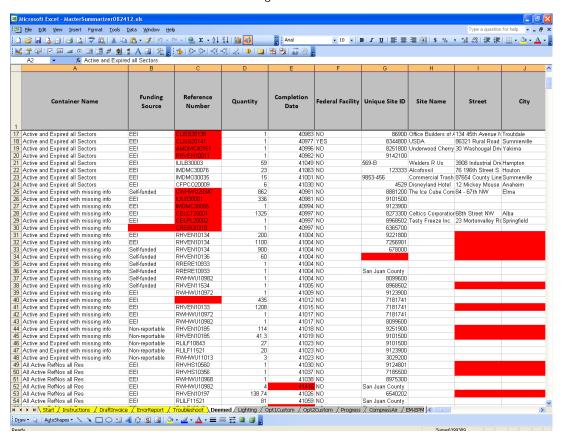


Some errors can be solved fairly quickly and simply by going through the steps below while looking at the **ErrorReport** tab. If you find and fix errors in the source files, simply run the Summarizer again when ready to refresh the extracted data.

- 1. Data Files Found indicates the number of files in the folder you are using the summarizer could open and use. If this number does not match your expectations it is most likely due to a file being present that does not follow the naming convention. Review all of the file names and ensure that they follow the convention.
- 2. Rows / Columns Found indicates the number of rows or columns of data that were extracted from all the files found of that type. For example, lighting calculator files have only one row of data each, so the number of rows should match the number of files in the previous column. Does the total number seem reasonable given the types of files you are trying to summarize?
- 3. File Loading Errors represent the number of files for which data was not extracted. This could have occurred for one of various reasons:
 - a. The file in question was blank
 - b. The file in question was corrupt

- c. The file in question did not receive the correct password to open it
- d. The file in question was saved in an unsupported file type
- 4. Required Data Errors represent the number of data fields that have one of several issues.
 - a. A particular field is always required and there was no data in the source file. For example, a reference number is required for every deemed measure. This error is often a result of the user not filling in the required fields as requested. Check through all the source files to ensure that the required fields were filled in correctly.
 - b. There was inappropriate data in the source file. For example, a reimbursement request percentage was below 0% or above 100%. Check through all the source files to ensure that the data makes sense.
 - c. A particular field is sometimes required and there was no data in the source file. For example, certain measures require more data to be entered than others. Check through all the source files to ensure that all the required data is present given the measure types being used.
 - d. The data as a whole represent a situation in which something has expired. For example, if a lighting calculator with version 2.0 or 2.1 is submitted and the project completion date is after April 1st, 2012 then the version number is flagged as erroneous. It is important to ensure that you are working with the latest supported version of Excel templates distributed by EE. Check the EE website to see if a newer version is available should you encounter an error like this.

See below for a screenshot of the **Deemed** tab showing errors after data extraction.



Limitations

It is important to remember that the Summarizer is not an all-encompassing tool or thoroughly robust IT platform. Its functionality is useful but limited. As such, it may not be possible for you to resolve every error that it reports, but it should be possible to solve many of them with simple file checking.

For example:

- Does not check or block non-existent dates such as October 45th, 2012.
- Does not check the format of dates (e.g. "40773" vs "10/13/98", both are accepted equally well)
- Does not check formats in general (e.g. accepts text where a number should be, etc.)

Estimated Savings Tab

Once you have resolved as many errors as possible, go to the EstimatedSavings tab and select your utility from the drop-down box at the top. See the screen shot below for an example. This tab shows the summary for all the invoice materials. This is a high-level overview and gives an estimated invoice amount as well as the reimbursement and energy savings amounts.

It is important to note that any data extraction errors that resulted in either missing or erroneous data will affect the values in this draft invoice. Thus, this invoice is likely to differ from the IS2 invoice and in no way a replacement for the finalized, official invoice that BPA will issue following its review of the documents submitted by your utility.

